Batticotta, Jaffna, Ceylon,
May 3d 1845

My Dear Br. Scudder—

Your letter in behalf of the "Soc. of Inq's on Missions" was received about two months since. I was very glad to see it. But no part of your communication interested me more than the remark, that you "hope to join the mission in a short time & labor with them in the land of your birth." This is what we want,—& in hope of getting such returns, I shall be most happy to write occasionally to the Society. I am just now so hindered with labors, that I can give you only a hasty line.—

From what I learn of late, & greatly lamented Br. Hotchkiss, I have no doubt but that he has fully communicated the facts which lie on the surface of heathen society. But there is a world of more recondite matter which has never been communicated, from which I may send up a little from time to time. Such things may be useful as exhibiting the

condition of the Hindu mind, - a most important point to be gained by the Missionary candidate. I recommend such enquiries to all who are looking to India as their field of labor, as only second in importance to the study of the language of the people to whom they go.

I regard the whole Tamil country as a most inviting field of labor. I say, a field of labor, for none who have not a heart to labor can long be interested in the service here, as everywhere else among fallen, unevangelized men, there is much hard work to be done. But I believe that the faithful laborer every where meets with encouraging success, - & instead of asking for a release from the service, could wish that he might be multiplied a thousand fold, that he might meet the calls he hears on every side, & secure the souls he sees being lost for want of

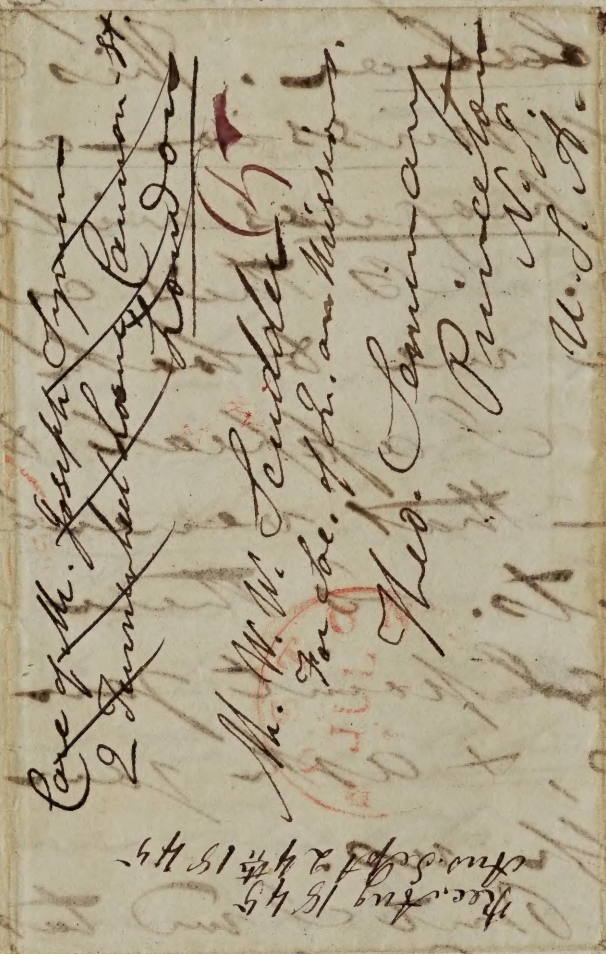
more laborers.-

The wants of this mission at the present time are most urgent. We need five men to fill vacancies at stations where much is being lost for want of them. Besides the general interests of our cause demands most imperitively, an extension of labor. This I consider the result of missionary progress & only what progress will increasingly demand. Is this cry not to be heeded?- Are we to look in vain for help?- I appeal to you Seminary - that venerable School of the Prophets. Is there no response?- I point you to wide white fields, & ask you to come over & help us.

But I will take my stand at the Cross; & under the eye of Him who hung thereon, will ask, will he not be pleased if some of you - yea, some whole class in the Seminary, will come to this service in rescuing these perishing

millions?— If this be His pleasure, will that land, which I love best of Earth's domains, suffer— will it want His blessing, because of this diversion of labor to the foreign field?—

When I read your remark, "We know of none who expect to go this year"— i.e. from your Seminary & the



Theological Seminaries & Colleges, I would ask, Is there not a deeper work of the Spirit needed in the hearts of God's people? Is there not a lack of that spirit of self-denial which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of prayer which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of liberality which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of faith which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of love which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of zeal which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of obedience which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of humility which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of meekness which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of gentleness which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of goodness which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of faithfulness which characterized the Apostolic Church? Is there not a lack of that spirit of temperance which characterized the Apostolic Church?

My Dear Brother, it is as you say— a revival of the true Spirit of Christ is what is most needed. When there more of the constraining love of Christ in the Churches & in the Seminaries, there would be less want of foreign missionaries.

With Christian salutations of the Professors of the Seminary & the Brethren & your Sister, Yours affectionately, H. A. Haisinger